

What is Claimed is:

1           1.       A combined container and garment protection device comprising:  
2           a support section including an open portion, the support section being adapted to  
3 support the device about the neck of a user; and  
4           a container section including a pocket to receive and retain items placed within  
5 the pocket;  
6           wherein the support section is releasably engageable with the container section to  
7 form a handle to facilitate transport of the device prior to being supported about the neck  
8 of the user.

1           2.       The device of claim 1, wherein the pocket of the container section  
2 includes a slot suitably dimensioned to permit at least a portion of the support section to  
3 be inserted through the slot to form the handle.

1           3.       The device of claim 2, wherein the support section is suitably dimensioned  
2 to cover a majority of an entrance to the pocket when the support section is inserted  
3 through the slot to form the handle.

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4           4.       The device of claim 1, wherein the container section and support section  
5 are formed from a continuous sheet of material, with a first portion of the container  
6 section being folded upon a second portion of the container section to form the pocket..

1           5.       A method of storing items and protecting a user's garment, the method  
2 comprising:  
3           providing a combined container and garment protection device including a  
4 support section with an open portion and a container section with a pocket;  
5           inserting items within the pocket; and  
6           engaging the support section with the container section to form a handle to  
7 facilitate transport of the device.  
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1           6.     The method of claim 5, wherein the handle is formed by inserting at least  
2 a portion of the support section through a slot defined on the pocket.

1           7.     The method of claim 6, wherein the support section is suitably  
2 dimensioned to cover a majority of an entrance to the pocket when the support section is  
3 inserted through the slot to form the handle.

1           8.     The method of claim 5, further comprising:  
2         disengaging the support section from the container section; and  
3         inserting the user's neck through the open portion of the support section to  
4 support the device about the neck of the user.

1           9.     The method of claim 5, wherein food items are inserted within the pocket.

1           10.    The method of claim 5, further comprising:  
2         forming the container section and support section from a continuous sheet of  
3 material, wherein a first portion of the container section is folded upon a second portion  
4 of the container section to form the pocket.